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MEMORANDUM

TO: School Health & Nutrition Program Sponsors

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SUBJECT: Implementation Delay of Direct Verification Using Medicaid Information

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The Reauthorization Act of 2004 that amended the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) included a provision to permit Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to directly verify free or reduced priced meal applications using public agency records. Direct verification reduces the burden on families and the LEA by using alternate sources of information to confirm eligibility.

The ADE has implemented this provision by creating the Case Number Search Option, allowing LEAs to directly verify Food Stamp and Cash Assistance case number applications selected for verification. To further assist LEAs with the verification process, ADE is currently creating additional means to directly verify applications using State Medicaid information or Medical Assistance (MA) information. **Due to unforeseen delays, the direct verification using MA information will not be available this year.**

Please continue conducting verification using the same protocol listed in the CNP Verification Manual. You can find this manual at: www.ade.az.gov/health-safety/cnp/nslp/GuidanceManual/.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this memo, please contact your assigned School Health & Nutrition Program Specialist at 602-542-8700.

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